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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1329

NOTE PREPARED: Apr 6, 2005

BILL AMENDED: Apr 5, 2005

SUBJECT: Evansville State Hospital Advisory Committee & Land Conveyance

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Becker

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Server

BILL STATUS: As Passed Senate

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill reestablishes the Evansville State Hospital Advisory Committee to study proposed use of the hospital property. The bill also directs the Governor and the Commissioner of the Department of Administration to convey certain real property located in Vanderburgh County to the Southwest Indiana Municipal Gardeners Association.

Effective Date: (Amended) Upon Passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill reestablishes the Evansville State Hospital Advisory Committee. The Committee would study proposed uses of the Evansville State Hospital property. The Committee would consist of 9 members (5 nonlegislators and 4 legislators). The Committee is to operate under the policies governing study committees adopted by the Legislative Council. Legislative Council resolutions in the past have established budgets for interim study committees in the amount of \$8,000 per interim for committees with fewer than 16 members. The Committee would meet on the call of the chairperson, and it would expire on January 1, 2007.

The Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA) would be responsible for providing staff support for the Commission. Legislative members of the Commission are entitled to reimbursement for per diem, travel allowances, and mileage. Nonlegislative members are entitled to reimbursement for travel expenses and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties.

The bill requires the Governor's office to submit to the Committee a detailed report describing any proposed transaction for the use of the Evansville State Hospital property. Furthermore, the Governor's office is required

to respond within 60 days to any recommendations that the Committee makes after reviewing the report.

This bill directs the Governor and the Commissioner of the Department of Administration to convey real estate owned by the state, defined in the bill, and located in Vanderburgh County, to the Southwest Indiana Municipal Gardeners Association (SIMGA). This property is a portion of the property currently within the jurisdiction of the Evansville State Hospital. [Note: This fiscal note will be updated when additional information about the land becomes available.]

To the extent that the state General Fund through appropriations to the Evansville State Hospital maintains the property, expenditures for the state could be reduced by conveying the property to the SIMGA.

The conveyance of this real estate is subject to the following conditions as provided in the bill:

- (1) Use of the real estate for educational, cultural, recreational, art, or museum purposes.
- (2) The rights of ingress and egress across existing roadways and parking lots as described in the quitclaim deed to the Buffalo Trace Council, Inc. of the Boy Scouts of America in Document Number 2004R00010382 in the office of the Recorder of Vanderburgh County.
- (3) The use of paths located on the real estate for biking, hiking, and other similar recreational activities.
- (4) Highways, easements, and restrictions of record.

The bill provides that if the land is not used for these listed purposes, it shall revert to the state.

Explanation of State Revenues: Under the bill, the conveyance of property would be made without consideration, so the state would receive no revenue from the sale.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Family and Social Services Administration.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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